6. It was noted that the power system network in country has an unmatched reach to consumers and with the installation of optic fibre cables along the existing power lines using its right of way, it has the potential of generating very large resources in the coming years by providing facilities for multipurpose communication including cable TV, IT services, Telecom services. etc. hence efforts need to be made to creatively tap this potential source of large revenue from convergence.

7. In order to promote reforms, a new draft central legislation which obviates the need for separate enactments for the States, is being considered. The draft Bill submitted by the NCAER would form the basis for a national debate and a consensus on the contents of the new Bill. The States would be sending their detailed comments on this draft Bill, to the Ministry of Power at the earliest.

Grid Sub-Station in Sangam Vihar

5579. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land for establishment of a Grid sub-station in Sangam Vihar, New Delhi has been provided to DVB;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take to complete the sub-station; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Delhi Vidyut Board is under the administrative and financial control of Government of NCT of Delhi. DVB has informed that the Board has purchased a plot for establishment of a 66 KV Grid Sub-station in village Devli near Sangam Vihar and the preliminary works in connection with the setting up of the Grid Sub-station have already been started by DVB.

Installation of New Power Projects

5580. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from different state Governments for the installation of new projects/expansion of the capacity of the existing power projects during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the present status thereof;